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Test facility for the assessment of irritant sprays - Market Engagement Event

Home Office

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Home Office

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LONDON

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/home-office

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Test facility for the assessment of irritant sprays - Market Engagement Event

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2024/S 000-020964](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.1.4

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The United Kingdom (UK) government is committed to ensuring the police have the best possible equipment to protect themselves and the public from harm. As part of this, the Home Office produce standards for irritant sprays: Standard for Police Chemical Irritant Sprays: CS and PAVA (Publication Number: 23/14). Home Office owns and manages these standards with expert advice being provided from our technical partner, currently Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl). The Standard outlines the requirements that police chemical irritant sprays must meet in order for them to be issued a Certificate by Home Office.

Certification testing of police irritant sprays are currently conducted within government with chemical analysis being provided by an external partner. Home Office are exploring options for partnering with an independent test facility who are capable of conducting the assessment of irritant spray products (pelargonic acid vanillylamide (PAVA)), in accordance with Home Office standard (23/14).

A new guidance document on the irritant assurance certification process is currently in development and will explain the end-to-end process for irritant certification.

Testing must be conducted against defined test methods as described Home Office standard (23/14). It should be noted that the Home Office standard (23/14) is currently undergoing an update but it is expected that the majority of the standard will remain as is.

The release of the new guidance document and an updated Home Office standard (23/14) will be aligned to the launch of an invitation to tender (ITT) via the open procedure. The Home Office is expecting to publish the ITT later on in Summer 2024, however this Market Engagement Event is exploratory and does not commit the Home Office to a procurement exercise.

Ahead of the ITT and in order to gauge interest, together with testing the capability of the market, the Home Office will be holding a market engagement event. This will explain the requirements of the end-to-end process for irritant certification (technical file review and conducting testing and reporting) that Home Office is looking for from an independent test facility. In addition, the market engagement event will explain the testing requirements in

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